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IN A FLYING MACHINE. ADVISES PROMPT ACTION.

Invention of Ohio Men Proved Successful During a Strong Wind.

(Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—The trial of a flying machine made yesterday near Kitty Hawk, N. C., by Wilbur & Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, was a complete success. The machine flew twenty-three miles in the face of a wind blowing at the registered velocity of 21 miles an hour, and then gracefully descended to the earth at the spot selected by the man in the car as a suitable landing place. The machine has a balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellers worked by a small engine.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 18.—A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., one of Canada's Alaskan boundary commissioners, speaking at the Literary Society of McMaster University banquet last night, strongly urged the confederation of Newfoundland, Labrador and Greenland with Canada. He said the history of the Alaskan boundary should be a warning to Canada to remove the possibilities of similar questions on the eastern coast by immediate action.

TESTIMONY GIVEN BY A CLERGYMAN

FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN THE TRIAL

Witnesses Examined as to Condition of Alexander Dunsmuir at the Time of Marriage.

In the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir case the cross-examination of Mr. Mile was concluded very shortly after the resumption of the court yesterday afternoon.

Capt. Freeman, pilot commissioner, at San Francisco, who up to a year ago was a pilot at that city, was examined by A. P. Laxton. He said he knew Alex. Dunsmuir well. Up to 1888 he met him about every day. From that time up to Alexander's going away he saw him on an average of about once a week. He met him last night at a party with him. During 1889 he met him probably about once a month in the office, or on the Oakland ferry. Alexander discussed general legal questions with him without shutting his eyes. He saw him at the Grand Pacific hotel in 1888. The last time he saw him was on the 20th of December in 1888. He had across on the ferry. In 1888 he had across on the ferry. In 1888 he had across on the ferry. In 1888 he had across on the ferry.

FLORA'S CAPTAIN WAS HEARD TO-DAY

AT COURT-MARTIAL HELD ON THE GRAFTON

Evidence of Navigating Officer Lieut. Grant—Several Other Witnesses Also Examined.

The evidence for the prosecution in the case of Captain Caspar J. Baker and Navigating Lieutenant H. E. Grant, who are being tried by a court-martial aboard the Grafton for the stranding of H. M. S. Flora, was closed yesterday evening, and this morning the defence will be heard.

On the court resuming yesterday afternoon Lieut. Lewis of H. M. S. Flora was first called. He was shown the evidence in the regulations governing the closing of doors, and was asked if the rule had been complied with. Witness replied, yes.

Lieut. Lewis was then asked what the standing orders were governing the closing of the different groups of doors. Witness, replying, said: "A door had to be closed at night, and always at sea. B doors had to be closed on entering or leaving harbor, and at night between the hours of 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. It was the duty of the door of the watch at sea to close the B doors when closed."

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC DEPOSIT

GUARANTEED BONDS GIVEN BY COMPANY

Legislation Necessary to Confirm Contracts, But Value of Securities is Unquestionable.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Grand Trunk Railway Company has deposited £1,000,000 of their guaranteed bonds as security for the carrying out of the agreement entered into last session between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific, subject to the ratification of their shareholders at a general meeting.

Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or government securities for the deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth to-day more than par, and their value is unquestionable.

MUST PAY CLAIM.

Quebec Bank Will Receive \$65,817 From the Estate of A. D. Benjamin.

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The matter in ordinary this morning ordered the Toronto General Trust Company, administrators of the estate of A. D. Benjamin, Toronto, to pay the Quebec Bank \$65,817. The bank's total claim was about \$70,000 at the time of Mr. Benjamin's death, two years ago, and the bank officials claimed that the administrators represented that the estate was of little value, and hence the bank filed no claim. After they learned that a dividend of 20 per cent had been paid, and at once instituted proceedings to rank as creditors, and also asked its portion of the 20 per cent dividend, which claim amounted to \$65,817. The matter in ordinary lands for the bank of the ground of resistance of claims on improper and untenable grounds by the administrators.

STILL HOPEFUL

Optimistic Feeling in Russian Official Circles Regarding Outcome of Negotiations With Japan.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "Optimistic anticipations of a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese dispute are still entertained in the leading Russian official circles, in spite of some disquietude on the part of the public and alarmist press reports."

A Suggestion.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—The opinion here is that the Russo-Japanese negotiations will proceed. It is pointed out that there is no reason to suppose that the Russian reply, should break off the negotiations, as the reply is in no sense an ultimatum, leaving no room for an expedient in case no agreement can be reached, that an arrangement might be made to maintain the present status for a number of years.

DEWET'S THANKS

For Contributions Sent to Aid Boers in Neighborhood of Kopje's Siding.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Peter Van Vilsingh has received a letter from General Christian R. Dewet, acknowledging the receipt of \$1,000 contributed by the Boers of the neighborhood of Kopje's Siding, Orange River Colony. "Accept," writes General Dewet, "my thanks for your service to those who enabled you to send this sum. We have had help from you since the fall of Pretoria. Further help would be welcome. I do not ask anything for myself, but I am sure that the good wishes and children of the heroes killed in the recent war."

"NONSENSE"

Is Term Applied to Sensational Report Regarding Emperor William's Sister.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The report published by the Journal of Paris, that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, sister of Emperor William, is suffering from cancer, and that the verdict of the physicians has created consternation in the German court, is officially defined as "nonsense," the Princess is not even ill.

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MAKING GOOD TIME.

It Is Believed Steamer J. T. Hutchinson Will Succeed in Reaching Open Water.

(Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 18.—The steamer J. T. Hutchinson, which left San Francisco yesterday on the last stage of its record-breaking trip through the ice from Lake Superior to Buffalo, had not been sighted at Point Pelee at 2 o'clock this afternoon. A message from Colchester, Ont., says that the Hutchinson and the ice crushers Pleasure and Promise passed about 9:30, and were then making about three miles an hour through the ice. The weather is soft and favorable, and it is thought that the steamer will reach open water before to-night.

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ORGANIZING FOR THE INVESTIGATION

SOME MEMBERS OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COMMITTEE

Work of Inquiring into the Condition of British Trade to Commence in February.

London, Dec. 17.—It was announced today that the following have already accepted positions on Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts which is to enquire into the condition of British trade and report thereon, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure.

A number of members of parliament also accepted positions on the committee. They include the Right Honorable Henry Chaplin, former president of the board of agriculture, and Wm. Henry Greenfield, member of the Finance Commission.

NINETEEN TRUE BILLS

Returned by Omaha Grand Jury—Senator and Ex-Senator Indicted.

Omaha, Dec. 17.—The United States grand jury today rendered a report to the court returning nineteen true bills. These include indictments against United States Senator Clark, Dietrich for alleged perjury in securing false bills to the government to be used as a post office.

WILL FIGHT TO BITTER END.

Colombians Ready for War Should Visit of Reyes to State Prove Unsuccessful.

Colon, Dec. 17.—The United States Cruiser Atlanta arrived here last night from the Gulf of Darien.

Early in the morning of December 15th the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the gulf, and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an island.

It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred armed Colombian soldiers. The general insisted that Lieutenant Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the schooner.

General Novis requested Lieutenant Perrill to land and confer with General Ortis. On the schooner's appearance there were repeated cries of Viva Colombia.

The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, and was well provisioned, and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT.

Over Eighteen Million Bushels Available for Export.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 18.—The official estimate of the wheat yield of New South Wales in 1903 is 18,500,000 bushels.

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Is a great deal harder than jumping down. And yet people who have been years running down in health expect to jump back at once.

There is no quicker means of cure for dyspepsia or other forms of stomach trouble than by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

HOSPITAL BOARD HOGS ITS MEETING

PLUMBING QUESTION RECEIVES QUIETUS

Arrangements Made by the Members for the Christmas Festivities—Reports From Officers.

Last evening at the board of trade rooms the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Provincial Jubilee Hospital was held.

Proceedings were opened in the usual way, after which communications were dealt with.

Mrs. M. H. Hasell, secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, informed the board of the intention of that society to hold their annual ball in aid of the hospital on the evening of Wednesday, December 30th, at Assembly hall, Fort street.

H. M. Grahame submitted a cheque of \$25, being the subscription from the estate of A. Van Lakeren for the current year towards the Provincial Jubilee hospital.

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CHAMBERLAIN CANNOT COME. Will Be Too Busy Until Campaign is Finished—May Pay a Visit in Future.

A member of Mr. Chamberlain's family, writing to a friend in Ottawa, speaks with confidence as to the outcome of the campaign the ex-colonial secretary has entered on in Great Britain.

"I fear my father will be too busy to come out to Canada in the next 12 months, or, indeed, until this campaign has been fought to a finish.

Great Britain is not unresponsive to the idea of empire, as some would have you believe; on the contrary, the argument of arguments which is winning over the people is a preferential tariff is that it will kill all parts of the King's dominions more closely together in one great whole.

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LET THERE BE PEACE.

In a half-column written in tears the Colonist pleads with the senior Conservatives to sink their differences and join the junior Conservatives in preparing for the great federal fight.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

The elections returns from Australia are not yet complete, but such as they are indicate that the first Commonwealth government has been defeated.

We cannot say that the defeat of the government was unexpected. It does not seem to have been popular in Australia at any stage of its career.

THE NEWSPAPER'S CRITICS.

It is a fortunate thing, perhaps, for conductors of newspapers that there are always large numbers of people ready and eager to advise them in regard to the ethical and business principles which should actuate them in the management of the institutions with which they are connected.

We confess we are surprised to hear it charged from the pulpit that the newspapers of Toronto are run as business enterprises. We did not believe it possible that the press of that remarkable city had fallen so low.

We suspect nearly all the Conservative members of the British Columbia Legislature have found out by this time that their constituents are not very enthusiastic over that pet measure of the government, the Assessment Act.

Why should Sir Henry Strong, ex-chief justice of the Supreme Court, be given authority by the Ottawa police magistrate to carry arms? Sir Henry is a very old man, who has a "disposition" of his own and he might, forgetting the thing was loaded, do some harm to somebody.

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MINTO ON AN ELEPHANT.

Now that rumor again says Lord Minto is to succeed Lord Curzon as Viceroy of India, we shall begin to wonder how so modestly retiring a man will look in a durbah.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S UMBRELLA STORY. Joseph Chamberlain, in one of his recent tariff reform speeches, told an umbrella story that has not been recorded.

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Mrs. W. E. Green, soprano; H. Ives, tenor; and G. Hicks, bass, have been chosen soloists for "Joan of Arc," to be given early in the new year.

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A dance was given by the classes of Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickinson in Assembly hall last night. Another dance will be given on Wednesday night of next week.

The Amateur Orchestral Society will meet in Waitt's hall, Government street, on Saturday night, when, after the business of the meeting, the first practice will be held under the conductorship of Frank Watkis.

The R. E. Quadrille Club held one of its regular dances at Work Point barracks last evening. The Semi-Bantley orchestra provided music, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The club will hold its annual ball on December 31st.

The King's Daughters gave a very successful concert on Wednesday night, when the following took part in the programme: Miss Walsh-Windle, Dr. and Miss Cobbett, Miss Powell, Miss Pender, Miss Fairall, and Messrs. Worlock, Allen and Langworthy.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

The annual banquet of No. 3 company, Fifth Regiment, C. A., will be held this evening at the Royal Cafe, Fort street. An excellent menu has been prepared. A programme of musical selections, recitations, etc., has been arranged for the occasion.

To-morrow afternoon an Association football match will be played between the Victoria West and Comox teams at Maraulay Point. This game is for the intermediate championship. The Victoria West team will be selected from the following: G. Rolter, A. Stracom, A. Dakers, B. Monaghan, H. Jones, B. Muir, E. Tait, J. McArthur, H. Stevens, H. Province and G. Muir.

To-night will be the last time the rock-breaking act will be performed by Prof. Ryerson, as the Orpheum management has been requested to withdraw the performance on account of its very sensational character. To-morrow night Prof. Ryerson will allow Mrs. Ryerson to hypnotize him. Prof. Coburn's trained doves prove an enjoyable feature of the entertainment. "The Great Two and Half" are clever sketch artists. Miss Kneeshaw sings "When We Were Two Little Boys," in her usual finished style. The moving pictures are, as always, new.

Arrangements have been made by the post office department for the dispatch of three mails during the winter months to Telegraph Creek and Glenora, on the Stikine river. Mails will be forwarded from Wrangell, Alaska, early in the months of January, February and March next, and correspondence for the above places should be posted in time for the mails due to leave Victoria on the 1st January next, per steamer Valencia, which calls at Wrangell on her voyage north. The date of closing of the mails for February and March next will be advertised in the Victoria Post Office Guide.

The "New Westminster Columbian" has just issued a most creditable souvenir number, comprising 70 pages, irrespective of a heavy paper covering. The number is profusely illustrated, and is a most commendable production. The illustrations include portraits of many New Westminster business men, the most notable industrial products of the city and the principal points of interest along the Fraser. In the reading matter is found a great fund of information concerning the resources of the country and historical sketches of the industrial development of the city and other data of an equally interesting character. On the whole the number is the most pretentious ever issued in the Royal City.

B. D. Holcomb, who is interested in a Quisno property, interviewed by a representative of the Portland Telegram, said: "Although it is not by any means a continuous ledge, Vancouver Island, B. C., contains many valuable mining properties. The class of ore is a copper sulphide and the ledge is opened a distance of 3,000 feet. The vein shows a width of from one foot to 200 feet. While the ore is not really high grade, it is sufficient to warrant extensive working. Being close to smelters, it has a great advantage in the way of freight rates. We now have a 50-foot breast of ore, which will pay for treatment. The corporation is a Washington organization, and most of the stock is held there, Tacoma people being interested."

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The Junior Conservative Club on Wednesday night endorsed the policy of Chamberlain by a unanimous vote.

If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Love studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

The names of Messrs. Forman and James Douglas are advanced as candidates for aldermanic honors in the South Ward. The latter has definitely announced his candidature.

The teachers of the Victoria West school will take their annual contributions for the Friendly Help Association to the school house to-morrow morning before 11 o'clock.

Shelled almonds, table raisins, Smyrna figs and everything for holiday trade at rock bottom prices. Telephone 106 to Erskine's grocery for courteous and prompt attention, corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

Mr. Herbert William De Bulle, of Montreal, and Miss Julia Louise Johnston, third daughter of Mr. J. Johnston, of this city, were joined in marriage by Rev. J. S. Sweet at St. James's church on Wednesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade will be held this evening when, among other matters, a resolution, introduced by A. J. Morley, asking that step be taken for the encouragement of home industry, will be considered.

The First Presbyterian church Sabbath school will render their annual Christmas cantata, entitled "Santa Claus the Second," in costume, under the able leadership of John Weston, on Tuesday evening next, December 22nd.

The usual closing exercises were held in most schools of the city this morning. There was a good attendance of parents and friends of the pupils in several of the schools, where the rooms had been prettily decorated for the occasion.

Thornton Fell has been requested by a number of his friends to offer himself as a candidate for alderman for South Ward in the coming election. Mr. Fell says he has not yet decided what he will do in the matter. He is considering the request.

The Royal Black Preceptory, No. 338, will hold a meeting at the A. O. U. W. hall on Saturday evening. There will be several initiations, and the annual election of officers will take place. All Sir Black Knights are cordially invited to attend.

The Aged and Infirm Women's Home desires to extend thanks to Mr. Fernie for the sum of \$10; to Mrs. Waitt for \$5; Mrs. McTavish, sen., \$3.50, and Lady Treasler \$3, which has "silently" been received to give Christmas cheer to the aged inmates.

Real Old—This is the time of year when people buy the best. When it is asked for Black and White—the popular Scotch—as supplied the House of Commons, London. For sale by West End Grocery, Fell, Carne, Ross, Saunders and leading bars.

All those who will play for either the Victoria or Garrison teams in to-morrow afternoon's match at Oak Bay are asked to take the 2.20 car from the corner of Government and Fort streets. This is most important, as the match must start at 2.45 promptly in order to be finished before dark.

The souvenir calendar of Victoria, published by A. S. Angell, is a neat remembrance to send to out-of-town friends. Only two hundred have been printed, so you must apply early to secure one. The price is 25 cents, and they are for sale at the principal book stores and at the Times office.

The sad news has been received from Berkeley, California, of the death of Miss Welcker, daughter of the late Colonel Welcker, and a native of this city. Miss Welcker was well known in musical circles, having shortly before her death composed the "Roosevelt March," which has been meeting with much popularity.

John Tway died this morning at the residence of G. Perkins, Glenfield avenue, Lake district. Deceased was 77 years of age and a native of Jersey, Channel Islands. He remains were brought to the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Co., and the funeral will take place from the residence of Mrs. Tway, No. 130 Fort street, on Monday, December 21st, at 10.30 a. m.

A Handy Book.—Welder Bros.' large new catalogue just issued contains 220 pages, 1,508 illustrations and prices of 2,000 other articles, and more information about their goods and furnishing homes than you could gain in a week's shopping. Get one before buying your Christmas presents, and look it over leisurely by your own fireside. It is a work of art, and costs you nothing.

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The Alberni Liberal Association has selected John King, president, Jos. Halpenny and Rev. E. G. Taylor as delegates to the convention to be held in Nanaimo on January 13th to nominate a candidate for the Federal House for Comox-Atlin riding. The meeting unanimously decided in favor of Wm. Sloan being the nominee, and the delegates were instructed to act accordingly.

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REGULAR TOURNAY. Last evening at the J. B. A. A. rooms the regular weekly tournament was held. The first prize was won by A. Watson and second by A. McLean.

HOCKEY

MATCH TO-MORROW. To-morrow afternoon at Work Point a match will be played between the Vancouver and H. K. A. teams. Play will commence at 3 o'clock.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT CALEDONIA GROUNDS. A practice match will be played to-morrow between the senior and intermediate teams at the Caledonia grounds. Play will start promptly at 3 o'clock, and the game promises to be well contested.

MATCH IN-MORNING

The South Park club will play the North West team at the Caledonia grounds, commencing at 10 o'clock sharp. The South Park team follows: Full back, C. Briggs (capt.); three-quarters, H. Thompson, W. Kennedy, S. Anderson and F. Briggs; half backs, L. Dasso and O. Nelson; forwards, A. H. G. and J. G. Wing, H. Bamford, A. Scott, A. Greig; left wing, L. Wilson, T. Cameron, I. Sparrow and H. Bamford; substitute, J. Highland.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

VICTORIA v. GARRISON. A game will be played at Oak Bay to-morrow between the Victoria and Garrison teams. This match will definitely decide the question of supremacy between these two teams. The kick off will take place at 3 o'clock. Appended are the teams: Garrison—Goal, Harvey; full backs, Rivers and Mitchell; half backs, Ward, Fairless (capt.) and Price; forwards, Wilks, Thomson, Johnson, Taylor and Finch. Victoria—Goal, F. Jones; backs, H. A. Gordon (capt.) and S. Lortimer; half backs, W. York, N. Cowan and Thomas; full forwards, L. York, B. E. H. Pettigrew, J. Loring and L. E. Meuzies. Fred Richardson is appointed as referee.

JUNIOR MATCH

At Beacon Hill to-morrow morning a match will take place between the junior St. Louis College and South Park school teams. The game will definitely decide the question of supremacy between these two teams. The kick off will take place at 10 o'clock. The St. Louis College team follows: Goal, C. Nelson; full backs, J. Robinson (capt.) and J. M. C. A. A. teams. The result was a victory for the latter team after one of the closest games played in the season, there being only a difference of 4 points in the score. Victoria West secured 12 points and the St. Louis College 8 points. The first half was evenly contested, neither side securing any material advantage. Checking was hard, and the pace set at the start was exceptionally fast. Both teams were good in combination, and the forwards showed themselves accurate in shooting. At the finish of the first half the score was 7 all.

COLUMBIAS v. Y. M. C. A.

To-morrow afternoon a senior league match will be played between the Columbia and Y. M. C. A. teams. The game will commence at 2:45 o'clock. The Y. M. C. A. team follows: Goal, Taylor; full backs, Bates and Northcott; half backs, Connor, Reiche and Allott; forwards, Oakes, Shott, Davidsen, Johnson and Harker; substitutes, Wilson, Thomas and Kortland.

BASKETBALL

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STANLEY PUTTER REFERRED THE GAME SATISFACTORILY.

The standing of the league follows: Played, Won, Lost, Pts. Y. W. A. A. ... 2 2 0 4 Y. M. C. A. ... 1 0 1 0 Fernwoods ... 1 0 1 0

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The junior league is being closely contested. The standing of the respective teams up to date is appended: Played, Won, Lost, Pts. Y. M. C. A. ... 2 2 0 4 Fernwoods ... 1 0 1 0 Victoria West ... 1 0 1 0 Cloverdale ... 1 0 1 0

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Local News.

Rupture Specialist Heard is at his offices, Moody Block.

Potted Poems.—Sounds funny, doesn't it? But just take a look at Weiler Bros.' Government street window, and you will see the latest editions of poems in pottery.

Some 7,000 seal skins belonging to the Victoria Sealing Company were yesterday sold at Lamson's annual fall sale in London. The prices realized followed a depreciation of fifteen per cent. on last year's quotations. Particulars of the sale are not yet obtainable.

Some of the salmon put up in glass instead of in the ordinary tin can are on exhibition in the office of W. A. Reddy, Dr. Currier's bank building, Vancouver. This method was inaugurated by Henry Thompson, of London, England. Sample shipments have been made both by way of the Horn and overland. It is believed that the method will commend itself. Only the best of salmon can be put up in this way.

The last of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given at St. John's church on Sunday afternoon, when the organist will play, by special request, Dr. Spurr's descriptive solo, "Christ's Journey Over the Sea of Galilee," and will also have the assistance of Mrs. G. C. Mesker, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks, and Messrs. White and Griffiths. Jesse Langford will play a violin solo and also the concluding organ solo.

Further particulars of the death of Hugh Grive are contained in Vancouver papers just to hand. His death resulted from a dose of carbolic acid taken either by mistake or with suicidal intent. His wife going up stairs had found Mr. Grive lying in great agony. In the room was a bottle of carbolic acid, from which two ounces had been taken. Deceased had been under medical treatment for some time, and had been greatly worried over and ill of late. He was 46 years of age and a native of Ontario.

Florence Roberts comes to the Victoria theatre on Monday next for a three-week engagement. Frederick H. Roberts, the manager, has surrounded Miss Roberts with the largest, most capable and expensive company she has ever had, and equipped her with a series of elaborate scenic productions. Among some of the prominent players with Miss Roberts are Lucius Henderson, Frank Hollins, Wm. Yerance, Howard Scott, W. L. Ferguson, George A. Young, Howard Robinson, Miss Fanny Young, Miss Edith Angus, Miss Lucia Stetson, Miss Louise Royce, Miss Virginia Brissac, Miss Nina Herbert, Miss Marion Rabyte, Ollie Cooper and others.

Hudson's Bay Shares

The London Report says: "Hudson's Bay shares have been quiet for so long a time that one would have thought they had almost dropped out of circulation. This is a 'mine,' however, which will never peter out. No one will be able to quit away into either its millions of fruitful acres. I am given to understand a large line of the shares which was being financed in London, on Canadian account, has now been sold. Therefore the liquidation which has now proceeded for some time must have ceased. Lord Strathcona must have given some interesting information respecting the company's land sales at the next meeting, and these will be found to be enormous. A scheme may also be submitted for the splitting of the shares into 1/4 each, a process which would popularize them immensely."

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., December, 1903. (Based by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with columns: Date, Time, Height, etc. for various days in December.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

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Wednesday and Saturday, round trip through the beautiful Gulf Islands, calling at Pier Island, Beaver Point, Ganges Harbor, Mayne Island, Galiano, North Pender, Saturday, South Pender, Moresby; returning, arrive Victoria 6 p. m.

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For further information and tickets apply to Victoria and Sidney Railway Co., Market Building.

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Reduced Rates for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

Excursion rates will be in effect between all stations; tickets good for going journey Thursday, December 24th to Sunday, January 3rd, inclusive, returning not later than Monday, January 4th.

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Atlantic Steamship Sailings

From St. John, N.B. Pretorian-Allan Line ... Jan. 2 Sicilian-Allan Line ... Jan. 25

London-Allan Line ... Jan. 25 Lake Manitoba-Can. Pacific ... Dec. 20

Lake Champlain-Can. Pacific ... Jan. 20 Lake Erie-Can. Pacific ... Jan. 23

Parisian-Allan Line ... Dec. 28 Pretorian-Allan Line ... Jan. 4

Bavarian-Allan Line ... Jan. 11 From Portland, Me. Canada-Dominion Line ... Jan. 2

Dominion-Dominion Line ... Jan. 23 From New York, N.Y. Teutonic-White Star Line ... Dec. 23

Cedric-White Star Line ... Dec. 30 Majestic-White Star Line ... Jan. 6

Lucania-Cunard Line ... Dec. 25 Ancheria-Anchor Line ... Jan. 2

Furberia-Anchor Line ... Jan. 16 For all information apply to d. H. ABBOTT, 80 Government St., Agent for All Lines.

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S.S. ALAMEDA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a. m.

S.S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, Jan. 6, 1904, 11 a. m.

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CHANGE OF TIME TABLE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 19th, 1903.

VICTORIA TERMINAL RAILWAY & FERRY CO.

TO VANCOUVER & NEW WESTMINSTER DAILY TRAINS.

Leave Victoria ... 8:00 a. m. Arrive Sidney ... 8:50 a. m.

Port Guelphon ... 12:20 p. m. Cloverdale ... 2:30 p. m.

New Westminster ... 4:00 p. m. Vancouver ... 4:45 p. m.

For tickets and information apply to K. J. BURNS, Government St. F. VAN SANT, Traffic Manager.

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City of Puebla, Dec. 10, 25, Jan. 10. Umatilla, Dec. 15, 30, Jan. 14.

Steamer leaves every fifth day thereafter. For further information obtain folder. Right is reserved to change steamers or sailing dates.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND Manual training will be introduced into Rossland's public schools after Christmas. Henry Dunnell, of Victoria, will be here under the auspices of the educational department for the purpose of giving the teachers in the schools a six weeks' course in brush drawing and clay modeling.

FERMIE F. S. Hussey, of Victoria, superintendent of provincial police, has been visiting Fergie. He was of the opinion that it would be impossible to build a large jail in Fergie for some time yet and he was in favor of making certain improvements and additions to the present building to answer temporarily.

NELSON A most important strike is reported at the Sullivan mine in East Kootenay. Work on this property has been carried on since its first discovery, nearly ten years ago, on scattered ore bodies, no continuous lead being discovered till last week, when, in running a tunnel from the latest shaft, No. 5, at a depth of 100 feet, to connect with the older workings of the mine, a lead of galena thirty feet across, with clearly defined walls, was encountered.

THE PRINCE OBJECTS. Resents Interference of Foreigners in the National Affairs of Russia—Case of States.

Paris, Dec. 17.—Prince Mestchersky, of Russia, in a letter to the Gaulois, sharply criticises the interference of foreign nations in the national affairs of Russia, citing particularly the case of the "United States." "The Prince says: 'It is for example, public opinion in Russia should be moved in behalf of the negroes in America to the point of condemning the American officials, I suppose those attacked would say, 'You must not mix in our internal affairs.' That would be a strictly logical answer, just as much so as the answer made by the people of Russia.'"

DETECTION OF CRIMINALS. M. Bertillon's New System Has Proved a Success.

Paris, Dec. 17.—M. Bertillon, the expert criminologist, has organized a new system for the detection of criminals. Heretofore photos have been employed for the detection of malefactors. Now detectives will be taught to search the physiognomy for three or four striking features, each of which has a mathematical value. Photographs accompanied by measurements taken under this new system will, it is claimed, make it practically impossible for an instructed detective to make any mistake in the classification or detection of a criminal. Heretofore the errors made were as high as 70 per cent., while a trial of M. Bertillon's new system has reduced the errors to 1 per cent.

AUTOMOBILE RACE. Contest For the James Gordon Bennett Trophy Will Take Place Next July.

Paris, Dec. 17.—At a conference of the representatives of the automobile clubs of eight nations, it was decided that the race for the James Gordon Bennett cup shall take place between July 7th and July 15th next, over a course 84 miles long. It was further decided that machines can be driven by men selected by the clubs, which decision will open the door to professional chauffeurs.

SCHOOL TO CURE SHYNESS. London Woman Starts a Novel Lecture Course—Calls it Form of Concert.

Shyness is not generally regarded as a prominent characteristic of the modern woman, but the distressing malady is apparently sufficiently prevalent, for it is to be seriously taken in hand at the Jopling School of Art at Earl's Court, London. There, during the coming season, lectures on "Shyness" will be given by Miss Elsa Desterre. One meeting has already been held, and the rosate blushes which suffused the cheeks of bashful blondes and brunettes rivaled nature's finest efforts in the shape of a tropical sunset.

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THE WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17TH, 1903, WERE \$6,024,337.77, FOR CORRESPONDING WEEK, 1902, \$5,102,583.17, AND FOR THE SAME PERIOD, 1901, \$4,287,107.

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MUNICIPAL.

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Total Amount of Taxes due, etc.

N. B.—In column numbered 4 above list the letter "L" means Land, and "L. and I." mean Land and Improvements.

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Notice is hereby given that we, Hannah Wall and William A. Smith, carrying on business as Grocers at the Windsor Grocery Company, on the premises Numbers 19 and 21 Government Street, intend to apply for the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, for a license to sell spirituous liquors upon the said premises, in quantities of not less than a reputed pint bottle at any one time and any one person, not to be consumed upon the said premises.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNEL, DECEASED.

Take notice that pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson, Charles and George Barrett, or to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of January, 1904, their claims and surnames, addressed as above, and to file particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

Creditors' Notice. IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, INTESTATE.

Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the intestate, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, as Attorney-in-Fact of Francesca Maria Bossi, widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit.

Take notice that, pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Attorney for the said Francesca Maria Bossi will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Achille Bossi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney within the period above mentioned, on or before the 15th day of December, 1903.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1903. S. PERRY MILLS, Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the said Francesca Maria Bossi.

"Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901." Notice is hereby given that John McSweeney, of No. 81 Discovery Street, in the City of Victoria, carrying on business as a grocer at No. 177 Douglas Street, in the same City, has by assignment bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1903, pursuant to the above Act, assigned all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, unto Arthur Brencley, of No. 120 Belleville Street, in the same City, commission merchant.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1903. YATES & JAY, 22 Bastion St., Victoria, Solicitors for the Assignee.

Municipal Election 1904. Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 3rd, 1903.

Suits Cases, - \$2.50, 3.00, 6.75 and 10.00 Self Opening Umbrellas, \$1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 5.00 Smoking Jackets, - \$5.00, 7.50, 10.00

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Dressing Gowns, - \$7.50, 10.00, 12.00 500 doz. Ties and Scarfs, Special for Xmas Trade, at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Special prices quoted dz

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 This is a prettily furnished cottage, and will be on view Monday 2 to 4 p. m. Particulars to-morrow.
W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer

ANNUAL SOCIAL
 Of the Royal Arcanum Proved an Enjoyable Event.
 The annual social of the Royal Arcanum took place on Thursday evening at the Pioneer Hall. A most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of members and friends. J. L. Beckwith occupied the chair, and during his opening remarks told how strong the order had grown all over the States and Canada. Statistics show it is going ahead by leaps and bounds, and he advised all young men who did not belong to any order, and who desired protection for those who were dependent upon them in case of death, to insure in the Royal Arcanum. Hon. Abram E. Smith was present, he being a life-long member of the order.
 The following excellent programme was given, during which refreshments were served: Piano selection, Mr. Gilles; song, "They All Love Jack," E. E. Weston; recitation, Waterloo, Mr. Henderson; song, "Asleep in the Deep," Mr. Cullingford; instrumental, "Pineapple Song," Mr. Hollins; song, "The Bandolero," D. B. Christopher; recitation, Miss A. Mittlestate; song, "Crazy Musicians," W. H. Jones; instrumental duet, violin and piano, Master and Miss Mittlestate; song, "I'm Waiting for Thee," Mr. Williams; song, "Swanee River," Mr. Weston; song, "Drinking," Mr. Cullingford; song, "Village Blacksmith," D. B. Christopher; song, "Irish Christening," Mr. Jones; God Save the King.

MUSIC AND SPORT.
 Basketball Match During the Drill Hall Concert, To-morrow Night.
 The game of basketball between the J. B. A. A. and the Victoria West teams at the regimental band concert, to be held in the drill hall to-morrow evening, promises to be one of the most interesting games of the season, not only by reason of the fact that the teams are evenly matched, but on account of the keen spirit of rivalry existing between the two organizations. During the evening the band of the regiment will render the following choice musical programme:
PART I.
 Overture—Post and Preasant..... Suppe
 Basketball—J. B. A. A. vs. Victoria West
 Song for Cornet—Ashore..... Trotter
 Bandman W. E. North, Soloist.
 Basketball—Second Half.....
PART II.
 Selection from The Highwayman, De Koven
 Scherzo Caprice—Shadow Ballet..... Bendix
 Parting: From Johann Raff's Symphony
 Leonora (second movement)..... Arr.
 Popular Selection..... Arr. Tobani
 God Save the King..... Finl
 God Save the King..... Finl

VICTIMS OF MADNESS.
 Epidemic of Lunacy Among Aristocracy of Hungary.
 A singular epidemic of madness seems to be making its way among the higher Hungarian nobility and affecting some families of European notoriety.
 Count George Festetics, the eldest son of Count Tassilo Festetics and Lady Mary Douglas-Hamilton, lately committed suicide in a lunatic asylum by hanging. He was only 30 years old.
 Another Hungarian magnate, Count Szabo, of Arad, the owner of nearly half a million acres of land, has had to be confined as a dangerous imbecile. He had lately incurred heavy losses at play, and was laboring under the impression that he could not pay his debts and that his creditors were pursuing him night and day with red-hot irons to brand him as a swindler.
 A third noble, Count Esthazy, having large estates in Transylvania, has fallen a victim to the mania after a wild career of dissipation extending over several years, during which he sold every stick of furniture in the castle and every tree on his extensive estates.
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TWO FATALITIES HERE YESTERDAY

R. IRVINE FOUND DEAD IN THE BURNES BLOCK

A Young Boy Loses His Life by Falling Into a Post Hole in-Victoria West.

Two fatalities occurred yesterday afternoon. Robert Irvine was found dead at the foot of the stairs in the Burnes house—presumably through injuries received as a result of a fall from the first story to the ground floor, and John Keuffel, an 11-year-old boy, fell into a hole evidently dug for a telephone, or telegraph post on Esquimaux street, and was unable to lift himself out. There was about three feet of rain water at the bottom, and he was found this morning at about 9 o'clock by his father quite dead. Death had resulted from drowning, his head having been immersed in the water. Little is known of the circumstances surrounding the death of Robert Irvine. Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock he was in good health, having called at Goodacre's store, Government street, where he was employed whenever an extra hand was required. From here it appears he went to the Burnes house, where he and Mrs. Irvine roomed, and went to bed. The next that was heard of him was at about 3:40 o'clock when he was seen to come from his room evidently with the intention of leaving the house. At about 4 o'clock Mrs. J. Sterling, the proprietress, noticed him lying at the foot of the staircase. She did not think it was anything unusual, and called for help to carry him to his room. In attempting to lift him it was noticed that he appeared very ill. Dr. Hart was therefore, immediately summoned. Upon examination the doctor pronounced the man dead, and ordered him to the morgue.
 Whether Irvine fell over the banisters to the bottom floor or died from natural causes is yet a matter for conjecture. Those who were in the house at the time claim that there was no noise as would be made by a man falling from the stairs. His position when found, however, leads to the belief that it was a fall which caused death. This, however, will be decided at the inquest, which is being held this afternoon.

Deceased was about 32 years of age. He leaves a widow and child to mourn his loss, and has also living in Victoria two brothers and six sisters. His mother also resides here. The funeral is arranged to take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Co., 52 Government street.

Found Drowned.
 The boy, John Keuffel, was sent from the home of his parents, Esquimaux street, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on an errand for his mother. He was not seen again until 9 o'clock this morning when his father discovered him in the manner already stated. The police were immediately informed, and two constables were despatched to the scene of the accident. When they arrived the body was recovered. From appearance the boy had fallen in yesterday afternoon, and had remained there all night. The hole is about five feet deep, and consequently the body soon became water-logged, passing by on the sidewalk. This explains how it was that no discovery was made until this morning.

When Mr. Keuffel arrived home last night and learned of the disappearance of his son he promptly set out in search. His anxiety grew as no trace was discovered, and late in the evening the police were informed. Everything possible was done to ascertain the whereabouts of the missing one without success. This morning the worst was realized.

How the boy happened to meet with this deplorable accident will probably never be known. The hole into which he fell is about 20 feet from the sidewalk and 100 yards from Esquimaux road. It was just wide enough to admit him, and once in he apparently was unable to do anything to save himself. When found his hands were at his side.

Deceased leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keuffel, and a sister. He is well known in the Victoria West district, and the sad news of his death will be received with general regret. He attended the Victoria West public school.
 This inquest is taking place this afternoon.

TWO HUNDRED A DAY
 Alleged to Have Been Stolen by Employee—Needed a Little Ready Money.

(Associated Press)
 Chicago, Dec. 18.—While working on a salary of \$9 a week, Gus A. Grigsby has robbed his employers at a rate of \$200 per day, according to Manager David Ross, of M. L. Barrett & Co. When arrested \$250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothes. In the few months that his meagre salary has kept him attached to the firm, it is believed that he has stolen between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of stock. Grigsby admitted his pecuniary needs in such amounts that he could not estimate their total value. "I needed a little ready money," was the explanation he volunteered. Grigsby's apartments, which had been rented for \$45, were richly furnished.

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GIRL WHO JILTED MUST PAY.
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Seldom does man when jilted take his wounded heart to court in the hope of getting damages for breach of promise, says a London dispatch. On rare occasions when he does so a contemptuous jury of his fellow-men generally award him a farthing, but recently a faithless Jewess had to pay £250 for jilting a Christian bicycle dealer.

Constance Van der Bergh courted Frank Knight assiduously against her father's will, the bicycle dealer's wealth not being sufficient in her rich parent's eyes. Frank even declared that he would willingly marry her in a synagogue, but the father still refused to give his consent. Constance then wrote to Frank, declaring that they must elope. Shortly after she married a man of her own faith and offered Frank the sole excuse that she did so because she was afraid that her mother might have an apple pie if she remained true to her Christian lover.

Damascus now contains about the same number of Jews that it had in the time of St. Paul. In the middle of the first century of our era some ten thousand Jews lived in Damascus and were governed by an Ethnarch; the present Jewish community is computed at about eleven thousand.

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